



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH ▪ CITY OF BINGHAMTON

Teri Rennia, City Council President
Angela Holmes, City Clerk

MINUTES

City Council Business Meeting
Council Chambers, 38 Hawley Street, Binghamton, N.Y.
Wednesday September 18, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

Called to order by Council President Rennia at 6:37pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Rennia led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Jerry Motsavage, Joseph Mihalko, Teri Rennia, Lea Webb, Chris Papastrat, John Matzo, Bill Berg

Absent: None

Also in attendance: Angela Holmes, City Clerk; Jeremy Pelletier, Deputy City Clerk; Allison Sosa, 2nd Assistant Corporation Counsel

RECOGNITIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Two items, "A Proclamation in honor of the Broome Community College Criminal Justice Program students", along with a letter from New York State Assemblywoman Donna A. Lupardo in honor of the same students, were read into the record by Council President Rennia. Wesley A. Warren, Associate Professor/Chairperson of the Broome Community College Department of Criminal Justice/Fire Protection/Homeland Security, was given the privilege of the floor. Professor Warren introduced the students present at the City Council Business Meeting, and thanked City Council for recognizing the hard work of the students who provided security services during the New York State Assembly Standing Committee on Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities' public hearing regarding the closure of outpatient services at the Greater Binghamton Health Center, such hearing being held at the Binghamton City Council Chambers.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes from the Business Meeting and Special Business Meeting held on September 4, 2013, and from the Special Business Meeting held on September 16, 2013

Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Berg.

Voice vote, none opposed.

Motion to approve the minutes from the Joint Budget Hearing held with the Village of Johnson City Board of Trustees on September 9, 2013.

Moved by Webb, seconded by Berg.

Voice vote, none opposed.

PUBLIC HEARING

Introductory Resolution 13-79. Considered in Municipal & Public Affairs, Chair: Motsavage

A Resolution authorizing a noise variance for Remlik's Grille and Oyster Bar

Note: Notice of this public hearing was published in the Press & Sun Bulletin on September 13, 2013.



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In Favor: Edward Wesoloski
Opposed: None

PUBLIC COMMENT/COMMUNICATIONS

Jack Sheehan

SECOND READING LEGISLATION

Introductory Ordinance 13-63. Considered in Public Works/Parks and Recreation, Chair: Motsavage

An Ordinance authorizing the free disposal of one bulk item per household from October 21-25, 2013
Motion to approve legislation. Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Berg.

Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Ordinance 13-60. (Vote 7-0)

Ayes: Motsavage, Mihalko, Rennia, Webb, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg

Nays: None

SUSPENSION OF RULES

Motion to suspend the rules to consider Introductory Resolution 13-80, "A Resolution urging Broome County to maintain ownership of Broome County Public Transit", first during First Reading Legislation.

Moved by Berg, seconded by Webb.

Voice vote, none opposed.

FIRST READING LEGISLATION

Introductory Resolution 13-80. Considered in Municipal & Public Affairs, Chair: Motsavage

A Resolution urging Broome County to maintain ownership of Broome County Public Transit

1. Councilman Motsavage requested permission to abstain from voting on this legislation, due to association with an interested party in the potential privatization of Broome County Public Transit.

Motion to allow Councilman Motsavage to abstain from voting on Introductory Resolution 13-80.

Moved by Berg, seconded by Matzo.

Voice vote, none opposed.

2. Motion to approve legislation.
Moved by Webb, seconded by Berg.

3. Motion to hold legislation.
Moved by Matzo, seconded by Papastrat.
Legislation held.

Introductory Ordinance 13-65. Considered in Finance, Chair: Webb

An Ordinance authorizing the Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Board Fiscal Officer to transfer funds within the 2013 Joint Sewage Board budget to fund telephone/communications

Motion to approve legislation. Moved by Webb, seconded by Motsavage.

Motion failed. Legislation defeated. (Vote 3-4)

Ayes: Motsavage, Webb, Papastrat

Nays: Mihalko, Rennia, Matzo, Berg



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Introductory Ordinance 13-66. Considered in Finance, Chair: Webb

An Ordinance transferring \$150,000 from budget line H5112.525017.20208 (Court Street Gateway Project) to budget line H7110.525054.20208 (Parks Improvements) to refurbish tennis and basketball courts in the City of Binghamton

1. Motion to approve legislation.
Moved by Webb, seconded by Motsavage.
2. Motion to declare the City of Binghamton as lead agency.
Moved by Webb, seconded by Motsavage.
Voice vote, none opposed.
3. Motion to approve Type II action.
Moved by Webb, seconded by Motsavage.
Voice vote, none opposed.
4. Motion to approve legislation.
Moved by Webb, seconded by Motsavage.
Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Ordinance 13-61. (Vote 6-1)
Ayes: Motsavage, Mihalko, Webb, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg
Nays: Rennia

Introductory Ordinance 13-67. Considered in Finance, Chair: Webb

An Ordinance establishing and funding a temporary Police Officer position in the 2013 budget

1. Motion to approve legislation.
Moved by Webb, seconded by Mihalko.
2. Motion to amend the legislation in the first WHEREAS and in Section 1 to remove the stipulation that the temporary Police Officer shall work no more than twenty (20) hours/week.
Moved by Webb, seconded by Motsavage.
Voice vote, none opposed.
3. Motion to approve legislation as amended.
Moved by Webb, seconded by Berg.
Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Ordinance 13-62. (Vote 7-0)
Ayes: Motsavage, Mihalko, Rennia, Webb, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg
Nays: None

Introductory Ordinance 13-68, Considered in Finance, Chair: Webb

An Ordinance amending the 2013 Code Enforcement budget to defund a code enforcement officer supervisor position and to fund a new code enforcement officer position

Moved by Webb, seconded by Motsavage.

Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Ordinance 13-63. (Vote 7-0)

Ayes: Motsavage, Mihalko, Rennia, Webb, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg

Nays: None



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Introductory Ordinance 13-69, Considered in Finance, Chair: Webb

An Ordinance establishing a professional services budget line in the 2013 City Council budget and transferring funds thereto to cover the costs of translation services for public meetings

Note: Councilwoman Webb and Councilman Papastrat requested that their names be added to the sponsor list.

Motion to approve legislation. Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Webb.

Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Ordinance 13-64. (Vote 7-0)

Ayes: Motsavage, Mihalko, Rennia, Webb, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg

Nays: None

Introductory Resolution 13-77. Considered in Finance, Chair: Webb

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a professional service agreement with Hulbert Engineering and Land Surveying for phase II of property boundary surveys of flood-damaged buildings

Note: Councilwoman Webb requested that her name be added to the sponsor list.

Motion to approve legislation. Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Webb.

Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Resolution 13-77. (Vote 7-0)

Ayes: Motsavage, Mihalko, Rennia, Webb, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg

Nays: None

Introductory Resolution 13-78, Considered in Finance, Chair: Webb

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Complus Data Innovations, Inc. for parking ticket management services

Motion to approve legislation. Moved by Webb, seconded by Motsavage.

Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Resolution 13-78. (Vote 7-0)

Ayes: Motsavage, Mihalko, Rennia, Webb, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg

Nays: None

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Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Resolution 13-79. (Vote 7-0)

Ayes: Motsavage, Mihalko, Rennia, Webb, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg

Nays: None

Introductory Resolution 13-81. Considered in Municipal & Public Affairs. Chair: Motsavage

A Resolution accepting a gift of a permanent picnic pavilion at NYSEG Stadium from the Binghamton Mets Baseball Club, Inc.

Motion to approve legislation. Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Webb.

Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Resolution 13-80. (Vote 7-0)

Ayes: Motsavage, Mihalko, Rennia, Webb, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg

Nays: None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Berg, Motsavage, Mihalko, Webb, Papastrat, Matzo, Rennia



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ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:57pm.

Moved by Webb, seconded by Motsavage.

Voice vote, none opposed.